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TO: Senator King and Members of the Senate Judiciary
Committee

FROM: Trudy Aron, Executive Director

RE: Support for SB 42

Good morning Chairman King and members of the Committee. Thank you for allowing the American Institute of Architects to testify in support of SB 42.

AIA Kansas is a statewide association of architects and intern architects. Most of our 680 members work in over 100 private practice architectural firms designing a variety of project types for both public and private clients. Our members are designing tomorrow's buildings today, aiming to meet the "triple bottom line" by designing buildings that are affordable, protect the health and safety of the building occupants, and that respect our environment.

AIA Kansas supports SB 42 where architects or engineers provide services to school districts regarding sheltering students in emergency situations without compensation or expectation of such. We believe our members should be paid for most of the services they provide. However, we also believe in those cases where services are being volunteered, the architect or engineer should not be liable when providing those services in good faith.

We urge you to pass SB 42 favorably. Thank you for your consideration. I'll be happy to stand for questions.